

**RESOLUTION OF THE TRANSIT PLANNING BOARD ESTABLISHING
INTERIM GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN
THE ATLANTA REGION: "ATLANTA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY"**

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Regional Commission, the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority and the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority created the Transit Planning Board through Joint Resolution in 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Transit Planning Board will sunset following the conclusion of the December 2008 Board meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Transit Planning Board has started a successful model of inter-agency collaboration, public participation and transparency, regular board meetings of key decision-makers and forums for communication that have proven effective for regional transit issue resolution, planning and decision making; and

WHEREAS, through work with the Transit Planning Board members, using guiding principles for regional transit governance, senior staff from all partner agencies, public input and transit governance examples across the world, a framework for an "Atlanta Regional Transit Authority" has been developed and adopted; and

WHEREAS, full constitution of the "Atlanta Regional Transit Authority" is contemplated as an evolutionary process over time; and

WHEREAS, there is an identified need to elevate and continue the successful deliberations of the Transit Planning Board to implement the "Concept 3" Regional Transit Vision Plan and the constitute the permanent "Atlanta Regional Transit Authority"; and

RESOLVED THEREFORE, by the Transit Planning Board, that the transit governance structure for the Atlanta Region shall be the "Atlanta Regional Transit Authority" established as an interim ad-hoc Committee of the Board of the Atlanta Regional Commission by its Chair in January 2009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Transit Planning Board that the interim "Atlanta Regional Transit Authority" shall be comprised of the membership of the Transit Planning Board, meet monthly until constitution of the permanent "Atlanta Regional Transit Authority", adopt by-laws and elect officers each calendar year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Transit Planning Board that the interim “Atlanta Regional Transit Authority” shall implement the work program as drafted by the Transit Planning Board staff to include continued implementation planning and refinement of the “Concept 3” Regional Transit Vision Plan, identifying new operating funds for transit in the region to address immediate shortfall crises, identifying programming, roles and responsibilities for Concept 3 implementation, developing consolidated and prioritized federal and state legislative requests for transit and continued regional transit service coordination; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Transit Planning Board that the interim “Atlanta Regional Transit Authority” shall have standing reports from the Atlanta Regional Commission Transit Operators’ Subcommittee, the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Regional Breeze Steering Committee, the Regional Transit Service Coordination Council and updates on regional transit statistics; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Transit Planning Board that the “Atlanta Regional Transit Authority” shall be provided task specific staff support from all of the partner agencies to include the Atlanta Regional Commission, the Georgia Department of Transportation, the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority, the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority and other constituent governments and transit agencies as needed and available; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Transit Planning Board that the “Atlanta Regional Transit Authority” shall receive administrative support from the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority including dedicated staffing, office space and equipment, consulting services, accounting, procurement and grants management; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Transit Planning Board that local funding requirements to operate the interim “Atlanta Regional Transit Authority” shall come from an ARTA supplement on the ARC dues.

ATTEST:

Chair, Transit Planning Board

Director, Transit Planning Board

Secretary, Transit Planning Board